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IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 1, above line 1, please insert the following paragraph:

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~~-\CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS~~

Applicant claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §119 of GERMAN Application No. 103 00 283.9 filed on JANUARY 2, 2003. Applicant also claims priority under 35 U.S.C. §365 of PCT/EP2003/014906 filed on DECEMBER 24, 2003. The international application under PCT article 21(2) was not published in English. \-

On page 2, after the third paragraph, insert the following paragraph:

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\-A method of producing a rod-shaped blank which comprises at least two different materials and in which the first material forms a rod-shaped support for the second material is already known from JP-A-60 059 001 and the associated English-language translation of the Abstract. This known method is carried out by means of a press tool which has a second cylinder arranged within a first cylinder. The two cylinders have, at the outlet end, nozzles through which the extruded material is issued in the form of a common plastic mass flow. \-

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~~On the page 3, amend the first full paragraph, as follows~~

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\-This object is fulfilled by a method with the features indicated in claim ~~1~~ 22. Advantageous refinements and developments are indicated in the dependent claims ~~2 to 12~~ 24 to 32. Claims ~~13 to 20~~ 33 to 38 relate to a device for carrying out the method according to any one of claims ~~1 to 12~~ 23 to 32.

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